

Creative Power of the Kinetoscope.

An odd experiment with the kinetoscope took place not long ago in Boston. The subject was a man eating dinner, and the film, prepared especially for the occasion, was of unusual length, so that the whole performance could be recorded. The man entered the room, and, seating himself at a table, proceeded to cut up the food. The motion of the fork from the plate to his lips was carefully recorded, until the last morsel of food had vanished. Then he arose and walked out of the room, leaving nothing on the table but bare dishes. The series of pictures was then reversed. It showed the man entering the room, walking backward. He sat down at the table, upon which there was nothing but bare dishes, and proceeded to extract food from his lips until he had filled the potato dish with potatoes and gradually put together a stake on the platter before him. Then he calmly backed out of the room and the waiter did likewise with the meal that the man had apparently created.—*Kansas City Star.*

POVERTY BEGETS CRIME.

Once the line is crossed between pauperism and crime, the downward course is easy, and another criminal is added to the list. The man is blameworthy, of course. Men of character and moral purposes will fight their battle honorably under any stress. But it is necessary to discriminate between the men who are deliberate criminals and the man who adopt crime simply from weak desperation and with the hope of returning later to lives of decency. Entirely apart from moral consideration, any step which will diminish poverty is to be regarded also a step to reduce crime. The human being will not stand the crushing process any better than the traditional worm. It is part of society's duty to see that the crushing is not carried too far.—*Chicago Record.*

A great many of the boys in the country, who have kind indulgent parents, a good home, and in all probability, fair prospects of inheriting, in after years, a well stocked farm, get it into their heads to leave home to make a living, or as it is often expressed, "to make a fortune." The city is a place where situations are hard to get, temptations numerous and strong, and a bad place for a young man, no matter how strong his will power, to be unemployed. The day has passed that the unskilled laborer made his large wages. The time will come, not many years hence, when our city inhabitant will look up from his cramped city existence in envy at the countryman in his independent and happy attitude and wonder why he was not blessed by being a farmer and enjoying life free.—*Exchange.*

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